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SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS IN YBA FOR AREA DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

November 1 - 14. Conduct third Cluster Training Conferences.

November 1 - December 31. Publicize weekly (or every two weeks) Attendance Advance reports from all participating churches.

November 1 - January 31. Encourage full participation by churches, provide materials, answer questions, etc.

November 10. Prepare a news release for state or city paper.

November 28. Send invoice for YBA materials to each church, calling attention also to "Next Steps in YBA" in BAPTIST LEADER. Return to the National Director unused materials left from November Clusters.

November 29. Confirm dates, times, and places of February Clusters.

December 5. Send to National Director a list of addresses for February Clusters (places where materials are to be sent).

December 9. Prepare a news release for state or city paper.

December 12. Send a reminder to the churches with unpaid bills for materials received at the third Cluster.

December 20. Complete payment to National office for all Cluster materials.

January 3. Reconfirm dates, time, and places of February Clusters. Check with association committees concerning local arrangements and reservations. Make sure that leadership is assured for each Cluster.

January 6. Mail a letter to each YBA Chairman indicating the dates, time, and place of the third Cluster Training Conference. Call attention to "Next Steps in YBA" in BAPTIST LEADER and to the importance of continuing to stress and record attendance.

January 10. Prepare a news release for state or city paper.

January 12. Send a letter to association committee members concerning the February Cluster Training Conference, asking them again to come early and to help check and package materials.

January 23. Mail letter to YBA Chairmen. Include a copy of your YBA news sheet and a docket for the February Cluster Training Conferences.

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From the Desk of Kenneth L. Cober

NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Rev. Kenneth E. Peterson has been appointed director of Youth Evangelism and begins his new work immediately in this important phase of the Baptist Youth Fellowship program.

Mr. Peterson has been active in youth work, having served as a member of the Baptist Youth Fellowship National Council for two years and as president of the Illinois Baptist Youth Fellowship. He is a graduate of Augustana College and of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He comes into his new work from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Morris, Ill.



Kenneth E. Peterson

Mrs. Peterson, formerly Genevieve MacNeill, has also been active in Baptist youth work, having served as a member of the National Student Commission. Mrs. Peterson's father is Dr. Vernon H. MacNeill, executive secretary of the Illinois Council of Churches.

Mr. Peterson has been appointed by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and serves both on the staff of the Department of Evangelism and the Baptist Youth Fellowship. The Board of Education and Publication shares in his support.

Mr. Peterson takes the place of Rev. L. Paul Bowling who resigned March 31, 1955, to become a pastor in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

RESIGNATIONS

Arthur L. Maye resigned September 1 as director of Christian education for the Oregon Baptist Convention. Mr. Maye has served in this capacity since July 15, 1951.

J. Norman Martin ceased his activities as director of Christian education for the New Jersey Baptist Convention on September 1. Mr. Martin began his work with the New Jersey Convention on February 1, 1944. He will continue on the Convention staff, giving full time to the development of the New Jersey Baptist Conference Center.

Vernon Lake terminated his activities as Christian education director for the Minnesota Convention of American Baptist Churches on September 1. Mr. Lake had served in this capacity since January 1, 1954. He resigned to become pastor of the Baptist Church of Our Saviour in Richfield, Minnesota, an American Baptist extension project.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Arthur L. Maye began his work as director of Christian education for the New Jersey Baptist Convention on September 1. Mr. Maye had served as state director for Oregon during the past four years. Previous to his work in Oregon he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Perth Amboy, N. J. He took his undergraduate work at Colby College, graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and received an M.A. degree in religious education from New York University. Mr. Maye and his wife have three children.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We extend congratulations to Victor Wik, director of Christian education for the Iowa Baptist Convention, who had the degree of Doctor of Divinity bestowed upon him by Sioux Falls College on May 29.

AN ALERT TO LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORS

Because no one knows the number of local church directors needed by American Baptist churches, and because questions are raised as to exactly what the job is or what status and salary it should command in the local church, a special survey has been authorized by the Board of Education and Publication.

Tom Carpenter, who has been working as a director in the First Baptist Church of Bloomington, Ind., and who is now studying in the Graduate School of Education of Indiana University, has been asked to make the basic study.

Now it's up to you. Will all of you directors, and pastors of churches having or needing directors, cooperate quickly and directly with Mr. Carpenter when he contacts you by mail. This is no ordinary survey. This will help all of our directors. It will guide the colleges and seminaries in recruitment and training and will help to define the relationships in the local church. The schedule for the study and survey begins October 10.

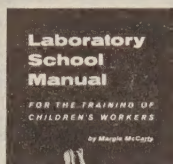


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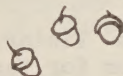
ATTENTION,
AREA DIRECTORS

DEAR ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN
OF
CHILDREN'S WORK:

At last our new inter-denominational manual on laboratory school standards and administration plans is available. Every area director of Christian education and other persons interested in laboratory training technics and standards will wish to secure a copy of this manual.



Please order it directly from the Office of Publication and Distribution, National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Illinois. Price, \$1.25. Please add 30¢ for postage and handling, and send money with order.



REPORTING TIME FOR VACATION CHURCH SCHOOLS

In June, every area director received the report form for your 1955 vacation church schools. Already we are receiving reports from some of the states, and hope that all others will be in our office by December 15. Please mark this date in your calendar.



1956 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL HANDBOOK



In the November Cluster Training Conferences each local church chairman of children's work will be presented with a copy of the 1956 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL HANDBOOK, and in February a copy of the poster for the v. c. s. service project, the National Children's Center.

Area directors who desire an additional quantity of vacation church school handbooks will need to place their order with the Department of Children's Work.

WELCOME to the fellowship of JUDSON JOURNAL readers! This is the first copy of JUDSON JOURNAL to be presented to members of Association Committees of Christian Education. We hope that you will find the pages on children's work interesting and helpful to you as you give leadership to your Association.

Assumedly, you now have your copy of the 1955-56 Handbook for Association Chairmen, THIS WE CAN DO IN OUR ASSOCIATION, and are working on the goals listed and described therein. If you have not received a copy, please write to the Department of Children's Work, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa., and we will mail one to you immediately.



Your chief job this year is helping your local church chairmen of children's work to carry out their responsibilities in the YBA. The Cluster Training Conferences offer you an opportunity to meet and to learn to know personally each of your chairmen, and to give them a word of encouragement. It may be possible for you to find brief moments at each of the Cluster Conferences to visit informally with one or more of your local church chairmen and really come to know them and their problems.

The JUDSON JOURNAL will keep you up-to-date on happenings in our children's work, and we hope that if you have suggestions or questions about anything presented in JUDSON JOURNAL or in your Handbook, THIS WE CAN DO, you will feel free to write to us.

It is a privilege to be able to make contact with you by means of the JOURNAL and it is our desire to give you every possible assistance as you carry on in your most significant leadership as association chairman of children's work.

Sincerely,

Leis Blankenship
Margaret L. Cain

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1955 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S WORK

PLANS FOR OBSERVATION SCHOOLS AND DEMONSTRATION DAYS

A main feature in the 1955 National Conference on Children's Work, held at Green Lake, June 19 to 24, was a Demonstration Day and plans for similar training experiences throughout our denomination during the current year.

Specific decisions regarding terminology for various types of laboratory techniques were agreed upon and patterns for training sessions were developed. The following paragraphs give some of the special definitions and patterns which will be used in many of the areas this year where we are hoping to make use of persons trained in our regional and national laboratory schools to give leadership in training enterprises.

WORKSHOPS, DEMONSTRATION CLASSES AND DAYS, OBSERVATION SCHOOLS, LABORATORY SCHOOLS

A WORKSHOP is based upon the interests, needs, and problems of the individual participants. To be a true workshop, it must extend over a long enough period of time for each participant to analyze and work out some solution to his problem. Individual and group work, consultation with the workshop leaders, reading, investigation, and actual work projects are all parts of a workshop.

A DEMONSTRATION CLASS is one session with an experienced, trained leading teacher conducting a demonstration for the observation of other teachers. She helps the observers to understand her purpose and plans before they observe the session. She puts in their hands an observation guide for their use during the session and conducts an evaluation session at the end of the demonstration class.

A DEMONSTRATION DAY is a day in which several demonstration classes may be held, either simultaneously or one following another. Each session must include preparation for observing, the observation of the demonstration session, and an evaluation afterward.

An OBSERVATION SCHOOL is usually more than one day, such as a weekend from Friday afternoon to Saturday night, and sometimes including Sunday. It might even be held on several evenings during the week. The student teachers do not participate other than in observation, and the leading teacher conducts the sessions with preparation of student teachers prior to the sessions and evaluation periods following each session. School implies that there will be more than one age group.



FIRST LABORATORY SCHOOL, GREEN LAKE, 1955

A LABORATORY SCHOOL is a controlled situation in which student teachers are given some experience and training in practice teaching and in which they help to make the plans, to carry out the plans, to evaluate them, and to go on from each session to the next on the basis of their practice. It is a "best practices school," in which we use the best procedures which we know in order to guide the spiritual growth of the boys and girls involved. A LABORATORY SCHOOL is a minimum of five days in length.

SOME PATTERNS WHICH HAVE BEEN FOUND SUCCESSFUL

One plan which was reported and agreed upon as commendable was that used in one area where three consecutive weekends were given to Observation Schools in three areas within the state. In each case, the Observation School started with dinner early Friday evening, followed by a general session on objectives, curriculum, and preparation for observing. On the next day, observation sessions were conducted in the morning and again in the afternoon in order that observers might see two consecutive sessions taught from a unit and might have the experience of observing a second time after they had evaluated and discussed the first session.

Another pattern described and considered a very good one by the total group is an association-wide or city-wide observation or laboratory school where the student teachers meet with the leading teacher on one evening each week to make their plans for Sunday morning, where the session will be conducted in a local church. The weekday evening includes evaluation of the previous Sunday and plans for the next Sunday, as well as workshop skills and plans for the individual local church situation. Such a school could extend over a number of weeks and is a pattern to be commended and one that we hope will be used widely.

A third and less intensive type of training is a plan to start on Friday evening in a given situation, conducting demonstration sessions on Saturday, followed by observation in the local Children's Division on Sunday. A Sunday afternoon session should be held with the local church workers to help them plan ways to improve their physical arrangements and equipment. If they desire help and evaluation of their methods in procedure, then the planning session might also include that kind of help.

SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR OBSERVATION SCHOOLS AND DEMONSTRATION DAYS

1. Selection of a theme or emphasis, using the sessions from the unit on that theme, related to one of our specific Objectives.
2. Study of the Objectives, with particular emphasis on the one which is involved in the particular school.
3. Preparation of the observers with a careful study of the session and unit purposes, the activities to be used, the materials to be used, and the specific course plan with its time schedule.
4. The demonstration session with observers using the guide which has been placed in their hands or which they have helped to develop.
5. Evaluation period following the demonstration session, with careful consideration of each activity which is observed, and making use of the observer's guides.
6. Whenever possible, a second session following on the same day or the next day, taking into account additional experiences which are limited in one demonstration session, to give an adequate picture to the observers.



MISSIONARY AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Children's Place in a School of Missions

When the Committee on Missionary Education plans a graded School of Missions they must make plans for the boys and girls of Primary and Junior departments either in one or two groups or some workable combination. Basic plans, time schedule and teachers will be determined by the Committee on Children's Work, one of whom is the Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education for Children who is also a member of the Committee on Missionary and Stewardship Education. If there is no Committee on Children's Work in the church, work through the Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education for Children to make the plans for the children's groups.

Time of Meeting for Boys and Girls

It may be that it is impossible for boys and girls to come for their mission study at the time the young people and men and women are meeting. However, this should not prevent the children's groups from meeting at some time convenient for them. Perhaps the Primary and Junior groups will meet during the church hour on Sunday morning, after school, on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. If their participation is planned in relation to the total School of Missions program, then they are an integral part of it.

Length of School of Missions

The children's groups will meet for six to ten sessions. These sessions ought to come once a week for a period of six weeks consecutively to help children feel a sense of urgency and mission about our responsibility for and participation in the missionary program of Baptists. Each session will be one to two hours in length.

Materials to Use

The committee planning the School of Missions will choose the theme for the whole school. In most instances the theme will be a current mission study for which there are ample graded materials to use with the children's groups. If the theme chosen is not a current mission study, write to the Department of Missionary Education, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania, for suggestions as to books, maps, picture sets and projected visual materials.

Themes: Home--INDIAN AMERICANS

Foreign--SPREADING THE GOSPEL TODAY
See Children Share in the Missionary Program (1955-56) for the listing of study materials that will include worship, activities, ser-

vice projects. The Baptist emphasis is found in the Baptist book of missionary stories Making New Friends: Among Indian Americans, Around the World, to be used with Primary and Junior groups. All materials are available from your nearest American Baptist Publication Society Bookstore.

Teachers for Children's Groups

It is wise to enlist the teachers with whom the children are already acquainted.

The School of Missions in the Year of Baptist Achievement is scheduled for January and early February, 1956. Be sure teachers are secured now; and teaching materials should be placed in their hands by early November. A well-planned school will bring high interest and enthusiasm!

If you need help in planning for the children's groups in your School of Missions, write to:

Miss Florence Stansbury
1703 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.



MAKING NEW FRIENDS

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AMONG INDIAN AMERICANS

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AROUND THE WORLD



Department of Youth Work

Baptist Youth Fellowship

BYF YOUTH TOUR EUROPE

The Baptist World Alliance Golden Jubilee in London was the incentive for a group of young people to participate in a tour of Europe, which was sponsored by the BYF.

On July 10, a group of 57 BYFers and leaders left New York. They spent a week touring London and nearby places of interest, then attended the sessions of BWA. Three young people returned home after the Alliance meeting, seven took a short tour to Paris, and the remaining group visited several European countries by chartered bus. Some of the countries they saw were Denmark, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and France.

So much enthusiasm was created by observing Baptist work in Europe that many of the young people are already making plans for intensified return visits or participation in work projects.

CROSSROADS STARTS SECOND YEAR

Crossroads, the BYF national newspaper is now entering its second year of publication. The subscription list has now mounted to approximately 3000 and is continuing to grow all of the time, thus giving a vote of confidence to the paper.

The paper contains news about what's going on at the national level, thus acting as a coordinating implement, and also informative articles contributed by the different states of the ABC concerning special events held by local churches and reports from state BYF conventions.

Crossroads is designed to be a medium for informing youth across the country of the actions of their Executive Board and to bind them closer together into one large fellowship.

Contributions of news and articles are to be sent to Terry Olson, Crossroads editor, Box 584, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.

Subscriptions are 50 cents a year and are to be sent to the Baptist Youth Fellowship, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

NATIONAL BYF OFFICERS for 1955-56

The following officers were elected at the 1955 National BYF Congress Day at Green Lake by a representative group of senior highs and older youth.

These Executive Board members are available to help you with your BYF programs -- state, association, or local.

President: Joyce Parr, 1588 Hollendale Drive, Dayton 9, Ohio.

Executive Vice-President: Helmar Nielsen, Phi Gamma Delta, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

Eastern Vice-President: Betty Jean Carpman, 104 Stuart Street, Pittsburgh 34, Pa.

Central Vice-President: Richard Olson, Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Western Vice-President: Irene Van Dyke, 5048 - 7th Avenue, Sacramento, Calif.

Secretary: Betty Lou Cornett, 1640 - 5th Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia.

Treasurer: Jacqueline Lowe, First Baptist Church, Olean, New York.

Christian Faith Chairman: Bob Van Court, A.C.C. House, Granville, Ohio.

Christian Witness Chairman: Amy Wik, 3809 Center Street, Des Moines 12, Iowa.

Christian World Outreach Chairman: Julia Santucci, Etna, New Hampshire.

Christian Citizenship Chairman: Jerry Fenton, Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

Christian Fellowship Chairman: Jim Fidler, 557 Overlook Road, Philadelphia 28, Pa.

Fellowship Guild Chairman: Carol M. Jensen, Bigelow Hall, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

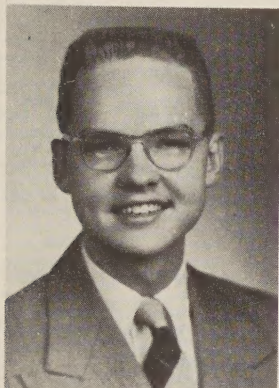
BYF News Editor: Terry Olson, Box 584, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.

Youth Conference Chairman: Helen Unruh, 2900 College, Alton, Illinois.

DO YOU NEED A BYF INTERNE?

The June issue of Judson Journal contained brief biographies of the new BYF Internes and pictures of three of them. In this issue are additional pictures and all of the schedules for the coming year. If you are interested in securing the services of the interne in your area contact your State Director of Christian Education or Youth Work.

KENNETH BLAZIER



Kenneth Blazier

Sept. 7 - Oct. 9 - Massachusetts
 Oct. 12 - Oct. 30 - Vermont
 Nov. 1 - Nov. 27 - Massachusetts
 Nov. 29 - Feb. 12 - Connecticut
 Feb. 14 - Feb. 26 - New Hampshire
 Feb. 28 - April 1 - Rhode Island
 April 2 - May 31 - New York

EVELYN BREESE

Sept. 7 - Oct. 30 - Nebraska
 Nov. 1 - Dec. 4 - Colorado
 Dec. 6 - Jan. 22 - Arizona
 Jan. 24 - Feb. 26 - Utah
 Feb. 28 - Mar. 25 - Nevada
 Mar. 27 - May 31 - Southern California



Lois Harchanko

LOIS HARCHANKO

Sept. 7 - Nov. 26 - Montana and Idaho
 Nov. 28 - Feb. 26 - Northern California
 Feb. 28 - Apr. 15 - Washington
 April 17 - May 31 - Oregon

PATRICIA HOUGE

Sept. 7 - Oct. 9 - New York
 Oct. 11 - Oct. 30 - Massachusetts
 Nov. 1 - Nov. 20 - New York
 Nov. 22 - Jan. 22 - New Jersey
 Jan. 24 - Mar. 25 - West Virginia
 Mar. 27 - May 31 - Ohio



Evelyn Breese



Patricia Houge

ANNE MOLYNEUX

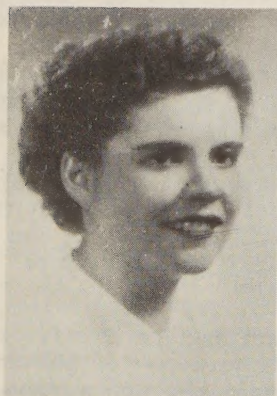
Sept. 7 - Oct. 9 - Wisconsin
 Oct. 11 - Dec. 11 - Illinois
 Dec. 13 - Feb. 26 - Indiana
 Feb. 28 - Apr. 22 - Michigan
 Apr. 24 - May 31 - Detroit

JOHN G. (GIB) PEARIS

State of Minnesota all year

HAROLD SALVERDA

Sept. 7 - Sept. 25 - Oregon
 Sept. 27 - Oct. 30 - North Dakota
 Nov. 1 - Dec. 4 - South Dakota
 Dec. 6 - Jan. 22 - Kansas
 Jan. 24 - Feb. 26 - Missouri
 Feb. 28 - Apr. 22 - Iowa
 Apr. 24 - May 31 - Minnesota



Nadena Thompson

BETTY WALTERS

Sept. 7 - Nov. 27 - Pennsylvania, etc.
Nov. 29 - Jan. 29 - Ohio
Jan. 31 - May 31 - Illinois-Chicago

NADENA THOMPSON

State of Maine all year

ECHOES FROM GREEN LAKE

Approximately 1500 young people, representing BYF groups from across the states of the American Baptist Convention, enjoyed the privilege of attending various conferences at Green Lake this summer. Training conferences were held for age groups from Junior High through Older Youth.

There were three general themes for the various conferences. Older youth and senior highs worked with the theme "No Longer Strangers." Junior highs had "Adventuring Together as Christians" for their theme and "Bless This House" was the theme for the Guild House Party.

The conferences were blessed with fine leadership in both administrative and training capacities. Directors for the sessions were: Rev. John Parr, Rev. Oliver Carlson, Rev. Randall Fordham, Rev. Frank Lansing, Rev. Forrest Fordham, Rev. James Fidler, Rev. Charles Woodson, and Miss Isabelle Gates. Some of the special speakers were: Mrs. William Sutterlin, Dr. Samuel Proctor, Dr. Charles Boddie, Dr. Fenwick Fowler, Rev. John Lavender, Dr. Robert Ummack, Rev. Russell Bishop, Dr. Lyle Bristol, Dr. Charles Smith, and Mrs. Kenneth Slifer.

Special sessions, that of Adviser Training, were held this year. These groups, comprised of adult BYF advisers, met concurrently with the Senior High Training Conferences. The Adviser Training sessions were very well received by those who were able to attend and their continuance was highly recommended.

Many favorable comments concerning all of the conferences were made by both young people and adults. Also, many decisions for Christ were made at the several consecration services. All in all, it was a successful season with many going home with a new vitality and enthusiasm having had a genuine "closer walk with God."

"NO LONGER STRANGERS"

Fellowship Vesper Day is December 4. If you're celebrating it on a city- or association-wide basis, get your publicity out early.

A BYF Vesper Day Service entitled "No Longer Strangers" has been prepared by Richard E. Beers. Copies of this service may be purchased for five cents per copy from any American Baptist Bookstore. The service calls for the following participants: leader; first, second, third, and fourth speakers; soloist; pianist; ushers to take up the offering; someone to read the Scripture; and a speaker to present a talk on the theme, "No Longer Strangers."

A brief discussion of this theme has been prepared by The High Call and may be found in the fall 1955 issue, following the Vesper Day service. It may be used by the speaker as he wishes. A talk on a somewhat different theme could be easily prepared from the article "Beginning in Burma" by John E. Skoglund, which also appears in the fall issue of The High Call. Another possibility is the presentation of a missionary drama, film, or filmstrip. If the service is conducted at an association meeting, it may be possible for a missionary to be the speaker.

"YOU ASK ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE"

A new leaflet has recently been prepared by Rev. Harvey Kester of The Department of Christian Ministry to Service Personnel. This leaflet, entitled "You Ask About Military Service," was published by The Baptist Youth Fellowship and is available through any American Baptist Bookstore.

Questions which are discussed by Mr. Kester are: Must I enter military service? Is my time in the service wasted? What provision is made in the service for my religious life? Will my church and/or denomination remember me? How can I help my church and denomination? How can I best use my spare time? Shall I transfer my church membership? Shall I postpone marriage until after my discharge from the service? Shall I complete my college education (or high school) before I enter service? How does the military draft affect girls? To whom can I go with my problems? What special hints will help service personnel?

This information is written in brief, easy-to-read form, and should be of particular interest to young people who are approaching draft age.

GUILD LOVE GIFT BOXES

For some time, local and state Fellowship Guild Counselors have been eager to have Love Gift boxes specifically designed for use by Guild members.

Plans now have been completed with the Council on Missionary Cooperation so that this request may be met. A Love Gift box has been prepared especially for the Fellowship Guild. Ruth West of Roseburg, Oregon (a last year's state Guild officer), submitted the design for the box which will be printed in Guild colors. The cover of the box will indicate that offerings placed therein are to be used for the "Fellowship Guild Love Gift" and are to be sent through the church treasurer.

A real gain in Love Gift giving has been made during the past three years. The total for 1953 was \$2922.86; for 1954, \$3906.72; and for 1955, \$4821.93. Now that every girl may have her own Guild Love Gift box, it is anticipated that the amount will increase greatly.

The Love Gift goes to the Unified Budget of the American Baptist Convention. Boxes in quantity will be sent to all area directors. Additional quantities may be ordered from the national BYF office.

GUILD FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY PLAY

To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Fellowship Guild, a play written by Mrs. Carl Steward, Sr. of Syracuse, New York, was presented in 1954 at the Keuka, New York, State Guild House Party. Mrs. Steward revised the play after the Guild presentation on Woman's Day in Atlantic City and produced it at the National Guild House Party in Green Lake last July.

The play, entitled "Grandma's Souvenirs" may be ordered from the national BYF office at a price of 20 cents each plus postage.

Every local church which has one or more Guild chapters will want either to use the play or to devise some special program to celebrate the fortieth anniversary this year. It is hoped that after such a program a special offering for the Guild Love Gift or other Guild projects will be taken. For information about these other projects, write the National Guild Director at 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.

\$40,000 - NEW S.O.S. GOAL

The National BYF Council, meeting in June, voted to continue last year's Share Our Surplus-- S.O.S. project as the primary goal of the BYF World Outreach Committee this year.

Last year's total giving to S.O.S. exceeded \$32,000. This sum was so far above expectations that the BYF Council adopted a \$40,000 goal for 1955-56.

A new leaflet has been prepared to interpret in cartoon form how S.O.S. money is being used. Order from area directors of Christian Education or the national BYF office.

NEW S.O.S. FILM

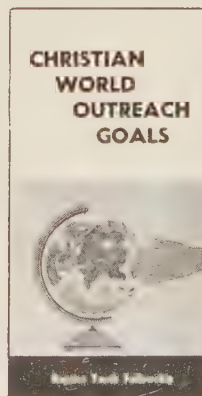
A new filmstrip, "A Matter of Fact," interpreting the "Share Our Surplus" program of the Protestant churches may be secured from Church World Service, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York 3, New York. It has 80 color cartoon frames, runs 16 minutes. Cost: \$3.00.

"A Matter of Fact" presents the facts about S.O.S. -- why there are surplus foods, how they are distributed in the churches' program of relief and reconstruction overseas.

NUMBER 2 WORLD OUTREACH GOALS

World Outreach Goal No. 2, adopted by the National BYF Council, is an interpretation of Special Interest Missions Fields in every BYF. Fine project suggestions from missionaries on both fields: Murrow Indian Children's Home (home) and Burma (foreign) will be available from area directors of Christian education and national BYF office.

See "Christian World Outreach Goals" for a comprehensive coverage of World Outreach for each BYF. Order from state or national BYF offices. Free.





Department of Adult Work and Family Life

THE LOCAL CHURCH YBA CHAIRMAN OF ADULT WORK

By this time it has become apparent to you that the Chairman of Adult Work fulfills an important function in the developing program of the YBA. Indeed, no other chairman is more strategically situated to motivate and to guide teachers of adult classes, class officers, and others who plan and administer Christian education programs for adults. It is imperative, therefore, that each successive step in the YBA, which involves adults, be taken by you to insure their understanding and generous support. Make certain that these "next steps" are taken:

...Urge teachers of adults, and class visitation committees to attend the training conference which initiates the Every Pupil Visitation. Be prepared to conduct the training session for these persons. (A14-15)

...Keep in close touch with adult teachers to make certain that they are endeavoring to visit the home of every pupil before the November Workers' Conference (with the assistance of their visitation committees).

...Make a final report to the YBA Committee on the results of the Every Family Enlistment.

...Encourage adult division officers and teachers of adult classes to attend the Dedication service for church school workers.

...Promote the enrolment of teachers of adults in the leadership education course on evangelism which begins with the October Monthly Workers Conference.

...Be sure to speak words of encouragement and to offer your assistance and counsel to new adult classes and their teachers.

...Have teachers of adult classes and class visitation committees compile lists of prospects, and call on these persons between December first and February first.

...Provide teachers of adults with cards to be sent to absentee members each Sunday.

...Seek the cooperation of teachers of adults in promoting individual Bible reading and study by class members.

...Discuss the possibility of having adult classes designate one-tenth of their offerings to missions every week.

As the YBA progresses you may want to give extended consideration to a more comprehensive program of adult work in your church. If so, we strongly recommend your study of "Our Church Plans for Adult Education" by Idris Jones (75 cents), and "Your Church Chairman and Committee on Adult Work" by Joseph John Hanson (10 cents).

1956 NATIONAL FAMILY CONFERENCE

The National Young Adult Family Conferences are being scheduled at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, for the summer of 1956, from August 11-18 (first period), and August 25 - September 1 (second period).

The first conference will accommodate families with children between the ages of 4 and 11 years (through 6th grade). "Guiding Families in Christian Growth" is to be the theme of this program.

The second conference is to cover a wider age span for families with children between 4 and 14 years (through 8th grade). This entire program will be based upon the theme "Training for Leadership in Family and Parent Education."

Interested families are urged to write for program details, rates, and a registration application to Rev. Joseph John Hanson, American Baptist Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Penna.

THE YBA ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN OF ADULT WORK

As the YBA program unfolds in each local church you will undoubtedly receive additional requests for counsel and guidance in adult work and family life education. It will also be your function in subsequent Cluster Training Conferences (November - February - May) to meet with local church chairmen of adult work to discuss next steps in the YBA as well as problems that may need clarification. An agenda for these sessions will be given to you prior to each Cluster program.

In view of your increasing importance as a counsellor and guide in adult work and family life it is suggested that you become acquainted with the following literature:

- ...YOUR CHURCH CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE ON ADULT WORK
- ...MAKING USE OF ELECTIVES IN ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- ...ORGANIZING PARENTS IN A HEARTHSTONE FELLOWSHIP
- ...ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR ADULTS IN THE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
- ...SERVING SENIOR ADULTS IN YOUR CHURCH
- ...SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS FOR ADULTS
- ...VITALIZING THE HOME DEPARTMENT
- ...YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM AND RESOURCE GUIDE
- ...YOUR CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

Not only will a knowledge of these manuals be helpful in answering questions but in referring local church leaders to resources that are basic in adult work.

Each of these handbooks sells for ten cents and is obtainable from the American Baptist Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut St., Phila. 3, Pa.

November Cluster Conference

Do not fail to participate in the November Cluster Training Conference in your Association so that you can give timely guidance to every local church chairman of adult work.

FAMILY WORSHIP MATERIALS FOR

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOME

An excellent selection of literature is currently available for parents, pastors, and church school workers who seek to make Christmas a more meaningful celebration in home and church. Worship suggestions, decorative ideas, programs, pageants, and other festive features are included in these books and pamphlets, all of which may be obtained, without delay, from the Division of Education in Home, Church, and Community, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Parents as well as pastors should be especially interested in an attractive worship folder entitled "Christmas Joy: A Service for Your Home." This leaflet contains a lovely candle lighting ritual, including carols, scripture, and poetry. Many pastors are beginning to encourage all church families to set aside a period on Christmas eve for concurrent family worship. Some pastors and churches mimeograph or print a Christmas greeting on the back of "Christmas Joy," which is sent to each church family with the suggestion that it be used on Christmas eve or on Christmas day.

Copies of this leaflet are obtainable from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life for \$3.00 per 100. Orders received before December 9 can be mailed in time for distribution on the Sunday preceeding Christmas (December 18).



Other useful literature for home guidance includes:

Christmas in the Home. McRae. 50¢ (Readings, stories, carols, and scripture selections.)

The Family Celebrates Christmas. Carl. 50 cents. (Ideas for worship, gift exchanges and stories.)

Make Your Own Merry Christmas. Wertsner. \$2.00. (Creative ideas for home decorations.)





Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education

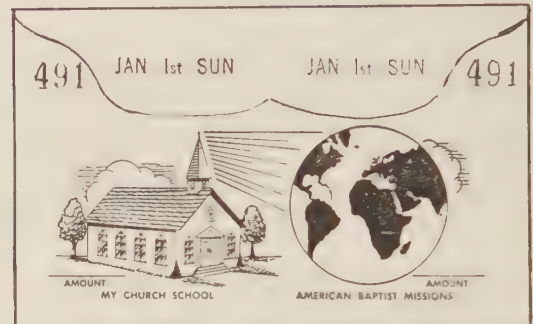
PRACTICING CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP IN THE YBA

During the fall, there will be an educational emphasis in stewardship. This activity is based upon the assumption that pupils should learn to practice Christian stewardship as a part of their training in the Sunday church school. We can try to teach stewardship academically in class sessions, but it is not really learned until it is practiced. If there are adults in our churches who are penurious in their giving, it may be traced to the fact that the Sunday church school has not provided an adequate training in Christian stewardship.

The Sunday church school should teach pupils to give regularly and systematically both to missions and to local expenses. Many Sunday church schools provide a weekly opportunity for giving to local expenses but do not offer a similar opportunity for giving to missions. The YBA suggests that churches adopt a plan whereby pupils are trained in regular weekly giving to missions as well as to local expenses. There are two ways by which this objective can be achieved: 1) the Sunday church school can use a duplex envelope system (above the Nursery Department); 2) a percentage of the weekly offering can be designated for missions. The YBA recommends that churches adopt one of these two alternatives, preferably the former. Some churches will wish to use a combination of the two, using an envelope system in the children's division and designating a proportion of the offering to the Baptist world mission in classes above the children's division.

The use of duplex envelopes has the following values: 1) It develops the habit of regular giving. 2) It widens horizons and develops an effective concern for others. 3) It strengthens the missionary enterprise. (We now have one member in Baptist mission churches for every three members in our American churches.) 4) Pupils bring their envelopes covering Sundays when they were absent. 5) An envelope system invariably increases the amount of the offering. 6) Children are more likely to drop loose change on the way to Sunday church school. 7) The use of envelopes offers less temptation for children to spend their money on the way to the church building. 8) Children take pride in bringing their offerings in envelopes "like the big people."

Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education are urged to consult their YBA WORK-BOOK for directions which will implement this emphasis.



*Stewardship
Education
in a
Baptist Church*

This new leaflet is an important tool for chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education that they will need in order to both plan and implement an emphasis in stewardship education in a Baptist church. It will be seen that stewardship is understood in its broadest meaning; that the

Missionary and Stewardship Education Committee can best administer it; and that there is much material on stewardship integrated in our Baptist curriculum. Many valuable additional resources are listed for elective study and reading.

This emphasis can be used in the School of Missions, in elective units of study for Bible classes, in midweek prayer meeting studies, and in other organizations of the church.

FROM THE MAIL BAG:

"The committee met to make plans for a week-end conference at Forest Park on August 19-20. Plans are to try to get an Indian American to be with us for that conference and to have an International Day on Saturday using the foreign students who are attending some of our colleges and universities in the Pittsburgh area."--G. Douglas Manson, Pa.

"We installed in each of the cabins in camp a typewritten story of the mission field or (biography) of the individual missionary for whom the cabin is named. This has been used as a basis for devotional periods in the cabin at the close of the day. It has proven an effective missionary (education) tool."--Rollin V. Wildin, Nebraska.

"...trying to interpret to people, who seem never to have heard of them, what a School of Missions is."--David A. Leach, R. I.

"Good old Bill Keech should be very happy over the growing interest in Schools of Missions. I believe every one of our churches will have one this year..."--Clarence V. Jones, Arizona.

"The materials have been distributed to the missionary and stewardship education chairmen of the local church YBA committees. As I have contacted local churches regarding YBA, I find that the chairmen of missionary and stewardship education are at work."

--Mrs. F. Wm. Godtfiring, Buffalo, New York.

The Bible



Book

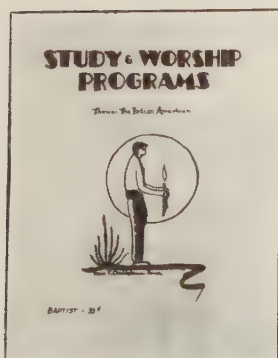
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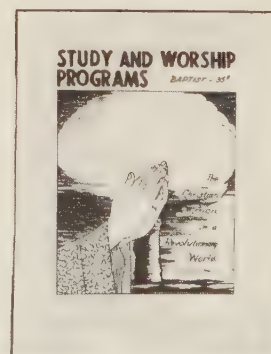
October	Romans
November	Genesis
December	Matthew
January	Galatians

LIBRARY OF MISSIONARY READING BOOKS

Your church library should include books from the missionary reading program and the current mission study texts. That library is most valuable when kept up to date. The "Library of Missionary Reading Books" will help you check the library shelves. This is a complete list of all the books that have been included in the missionary reading program for the past ten years. You may order a copy from your nearest American Baptist bookstore for 50¢. If you have the edition published in 1952, a supplement is available at a cost of 10¢.



The Baptist study guides for adults and older youth, based on the current mission study themes and including Baptist resources, are available at all American Baptist bookstores at a cost of 35¢ each.





Department of Administration and Leadership Education

FOR YOUR WORKERS'

CONFERENCE

In this Year of Baptist Achievement, the Workers' Conference will be continued as a part of the ongoing program in many churches, will be rejuvenated and given new life in others, and in yet many other churches be begun almost as an entirely new program for training workers. To strengthen the Workers' Conference in all three types of churches and particularly in the latter two mentioned above, there are two excellent helps, a filmstrip and a book.

"Together We Grow"

The filmstrip, "Together We Grow," deals with conducting effective Workers' Conferences in a situation where there was a dwindling attendance and little interest... The filmstrip in black and white, sound, 33 1/3 rpm microgroove record and excellent script sells for \$10.00. The two other new filmstrips, "A Mirror to Myself" on supervision and "Plan--for Christian Education" on the board of Christian education, may be obtained in a Kit, all for \$21.00. Write us or your American Baptist Publication Society bookstore.

"The Workers' Conference"--V. Burke

Verdia Burke has written a simple but excellent book, "The Workers' Conference." It's just the book to keep your feet on the ground and yet move forward in planning conferences for the teachers and officers of your Sunday church school. Also, the place of the superintendent in the Workers' Conference and the relationship to the board of Christian education are discussed.

Chapter headings are as follows:

1. What is a Workers' Conference?
2. Why have a Workers' Conference?
3. Starting the Workers' Conference
4. Planning Workers' Conferences
5. Worship at the Conference
6. Business at the Conference
7. Fellowship at the Conference
8. The Conference Program
9. Attendance at the Conference
10. Church-Wide Workers' Conferences

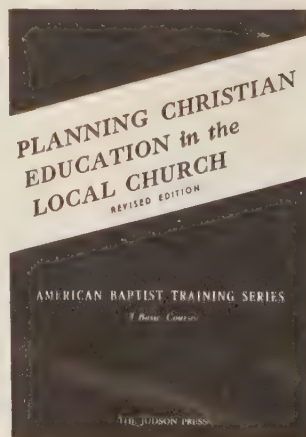
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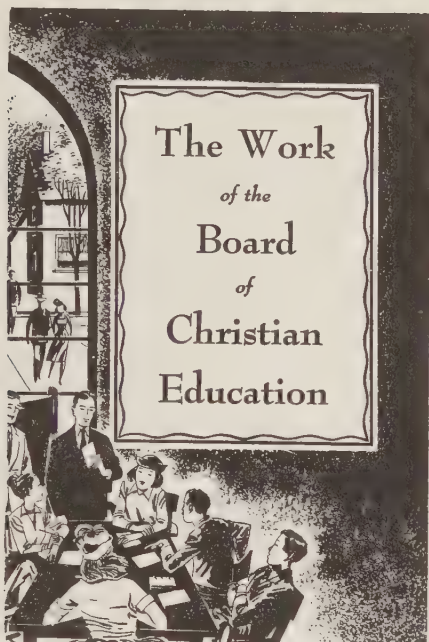
By Verdia Burke

"The Workers' Conference" sells for 65 cents per copy and may be purchased from your American Baptist Publication Society bookstore. The superintendent, pastor and chairman of the board of Christian education will be interested in reading Burke's book.

HOILAND TEXT RECEIVES MAJOR REVISION

"Planning Christian Education in the Local Church" by Richard Hoiland was recently given a major and important revision and is now on sale in all American Baptist Publication Society stores at 60 cents per copy. Changes were made to include the latest policies and decisions of the Division of Education in Home, Church, and Community. Every church should have at least one copy and consider using the Hoiland book as a text for the Basic First Series Course 610.1a, The Baptist Church School.





BOARD BOOKLET REVISED

"The Work of the Board of Christian Education" went into another revision and printing in July 1955. The new booklet (green cover) sells for 25 cents each or five copies for \$1.00, the same as the original booklet (blue cover) and may be obtained from your Baptist bookstore. The revisions are not extensive but important. Changes include personnel of committees of the five areas of work, namely, children's, youth, adult, missionary and stewardship education. Experience of boards indicate the wisdom of having the church appoint or elect a chairman of the board of Christian education in addition to the chairman of the five areas of work. Therefore, it is recommended in the new booklet (see page 3) "that the nominating committee present to the church for election the name of a capable person to serve as chairman of the board of Christian education, who will serve as ex officio member of all committees." It may be noted that this is the organization suggested during YBA.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKERS' CONFERENCE

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"Using the Bible Effectively" has been chosen as the general theme of the Christian Education Workers' Conference to be held at Green Lake, August 18-25, 1956. Program and promotion committees have long been at work and there is every indication of a great Conference next summer.

ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Greetings to you as chairman of the training program in your association. Our staff heartily approved the idea of sending Judson Journal to you. It will help us to get to know each other better as we work together at the important task of enlisting and training workers for the churches. To motivate persons to accept assignments to teach and lead may be found more difficult than the training job.

While some of you are both chairman of leadership education and of the association committee, this column will only be pointed to serve the leadership education chairman. On another page in this issue the work of the Chairman of the Association Committee will be covered.

Know Your Job! Carry It Out!

Your task is not too heavy but important. Particularly, help those churches who are holding leadership classes and Workers' Conferences for the first time in years. See opposite page for helps on Workers' Conferences. Know your work as found in the YBA Workbook, including page 23 and L-1 to L-8 (blue). Be familiar with pages 20 and 21 of "The Work of the Board of Christian Education." Urge every church

1. To have a chairman of leadership education.
2. To attend the next cluster training meeting.
3. To teach and follow through on the teaching of one or both of the first series courses on evangelism.

As far as possible, do the things in your own church that you are encouraging other churches to do.

CHURCH DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A fine group of directors attended the Christian Education Workers' Conference at Green Lake and spent a profitable week under the direction of Dr. C. Adrian Heaton of Eastern Baptist Seminary.

Information will reach you soon concerning the training institutes for directors scheduled for Berkeley, California (January 16-20 or there about); and for Cincinnati (February 11-12) held in connection with the National Council annual meetings.



Department of Camps and Summer Conferences

NEW CAMPSITE PROPOSED

A trip through New England in company with the hurricanes "Connie" and "Diane" revealed not only the resourcefulness of camp leadership in New England in times of emergency but also the rapid growth of the camping program in that area. The camp programs at the Royal Ambassador Camp and at the New England Conference grounds at Ocean Park, Maine, have long been known and continue to serve the New England region. In addition, each New England state now has, or is proposing, its own camping site--Vermont in co-operation with the Council of Churches, and the other areas their own campsites. The latest state to move in this direction is Massachusetts. The state camping committee is busy at work reviewing their very attractive campsite almost in the geographical center of the state. Congratulations to Massachusetts and New England!

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

For those who have been looking around for unique ideas for use with senior high campers, the experiment of Norman Martin in New Jersey is an interesting one. Some forty or fifty senior high young people are on his camp staff. His maintenance staff, including cook and hostess, are all teenagers. A brief visit this summer to Lebanon indicated a high spirit of fellowship and commitment among the young people. We shall try to get the story directly from Norman Martin for you but until then, if you are interested, you may write to him at RFD, Lebanon, N.J.

CAMP TEXTS FOR 1956

For use in the 1956 camps we are recommending the following materials which are being reprinted.

Junior: WE WORK WITH GOD
Pineo and Whitmore

Jr. High: ADVENTURING TOGETHER AS CHRISTIANS - Myrtle Auch

In the senior high field, a book and leader's guide in a pattern similar to that used last year will be provided. These materials are being developed and will be specifically indicated in the December issue of Judson Journal.

GREEN LAKE YOUTH CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

Junior High Camp:	July 1 - 14
Senior High Frontier Camp:	July 15 - 25
Senior High Conference I:	June 23 - 30
Senior High Conference II:	June 30 - July 7
Senior High Conference III:	July 7 - 14

The above camps and conferences provide a unique opportunity not only for the youth of your area but for people who need training in camp and conference leadership. Therefore may we suggest that you get in touch at once with the Baptist Youth Fellowship office at 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa., if there are persons you would like to have trained in the conference or camp field.

LET'S RECRUIT MORE LEADERS

Anyone who has had the problem of recruiting camp leaders knows that there is a real problem in getting the type of leader required and the number of leaders needed to do the job of camping. Experience has shown most of us, I am sure, the tragedy of trying to do a camping experience with inadequate or insufficient counselors. Each area will need to give additional attention to a long-range program for discovering and training camp leaders. It is a proven fact that most counselors will try anything once, but after a bad experience they are very apt not to return to the counseling task. For that reason it is extremely important not only to sell a person on the idea of counseling but to give him adequate training to make the experience a meaningful one to him.

We would like to call your attention to the booklet entitled The Camp Director Trains His Own Staff by Catherine Hammett, published by the American Camping Association, 343 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. The price is 50 cents. This booklet has very helpful outlines for pre-camp training sessions and many other suggestions that will be valuable to the camp director. For instance, there are chapters on:

Types of Training Available to Counselors
What Should Training Include?

How Training May be Carried Out

(Includes sections on Interviews and Conferences; Correspondence, Agreements, Contracts; In-town Meetings; Staff Meetings; Supervision on Job)

Teaching Methods and Techniques

Help of Local Church Needed

We are rapidly approaching the place in our camping growth where we will have to ask the local churches to give the same attention to recruitment of leaders that they give to recruitment of campers. For one church to provide leadership for a large number of young people from another church is not necessarily desirable and can cause serious problems. It is not impractical to assume that a church sending six or seven campers should be thinking, too, in terms of providing a leader for a certain number of campers. This, of course, will require careful supervision on the part of the area director of Christian education to see that adequately trained people come from the churches. There are a number of facts that seem to be quite clear:

1. Each area is going to have to find ways of motivating an increased number of ministers to participate in the camping program. This means that a better understanding of what is involved will need to be given to each church. In other words, the camping program can no longer be considered a vacation experience for leaders. It must be considered a contribution by the church to an important phase of the church's life, and the ministers who are qualified to serve should be made to feel that this is an annual contribution they need to make in the life of their church. A letter from the director of Christian education to the church with this interpretation, and then a follow through with an invitation to the pastor for a specific job will help materially, when combined with an adequate training program.

2. Avoid unnecessarily vague invitations. They should be specific and, in my opinion, not mimeographed. If the job is important enough for consideration, it is important enough for a personal letter. It is not difficult for a minister to turn down a mimeographed plea for additional counselors, but a personal invitation from a camp director or a director of Christian education is a personal challenge and much more difficult to refuse.

3. The director of Christian education will need to develop a strategy of recruitment for camp leaders. There is no easy substitute by assigning this task to individual directors of camp periods. There is no question that the director of each camp should have a part in the selection of his staff, but to assign the job to him and put him into competition with every other camp director in the area is not wise. The use of the

leaflet, Wanted--A Counselor (5¢ each, \$3.00 per 100) is one way of approaching the subject. After that, send a personal letter to those being invited and you are on your way.

Tailor the invitation to the abilities of the person. For example, an invitation to an older minister to be a counselor in one of the primitive-type camping experiences might be entirely out of line and give the counselor a bad experience if he accepted. Let's tailor invitations to the requirements of our camp and conference program.

4. The present tendency in some of our camp areas to use high school students as counselors is to be deplored. No camp committee should permit the growth of a camp beyond its supply of leaders. There is a mistaken idea that camping is always good for young people and this just is not so. The elements of adequate curriculum, site, program, and leadership are all required to make this a significant spiritual experience for the camper, and to give an experience under the name of camping without all those essential elements should not be attempted by any area.

5. Many areas are finding a real source of counselor material in the lay fields. Many lay organizations, such as the Scouts and 4-H Clubs, have already trained lay leadership in the field of camping and these people are anxious not only to help those agencies but also to make some contribution to the church camping field. Each church should be asked to explore the resources within its membership and to pass this information on to the area director for his consideration.

6. The number of directors of Christian education in local churches is increasing and these people, both in training and in relationship to campers, are ideally qualified to assist in the camping program. Moves should be made as soon as possible to include more of them on our camp staffs.

NEXT STEPS IN YBA FOR CAMPING

December, first week: At this time there will be a meeting of the Committee on Youth Work. On the docket is the important item of summer activities, including church camping. See that the churches in your area have information about your camp schedule for 1956 prior to the meeting.



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YBA FLASHES

Washington - "The Renton Church took the introductory booklet on YBA, mimeographed a four-page digest, and sent a copy to each family in the church.

"Ninety-one of our churches or 80 per cent are definitely committed to the Year of Baptist Achievement. This is perhaps the highest percentage of participation in any major project in our churches in Washington in many years.

"Puget Sound Association, led by YBA Chairman Carl Jonas, have 100 per cent of their churches participating.

"1648 teachers reported in the 91 churches participating in YBA. This means an average of eighteen teachers for each church."

Southern California - "YBA promises to be the most exciting program ever used by Baptists in Southern California. It appears that between 70,000 and 80,000 people will be participating since most of the churches have enrolled."

Kansas - "Over 190 churches were represented at the 23 Cluster meetings which were held in Kansas last month. Numerous responses were given by local church members and pastors such as: 'This is great...' 'It's terrific...' 'No church can afford to miss this opportunity...' 'This is what we have been waiting for...'"

New York State - "One association in which only one church failed to participate reported that the churches there have not responded to any previous denominational program as they are responding to this. Neither visitation evangelism nor Churches for New Frontiers could get even a foothold in that association."



Mrs. J. J. Bristow, designated by American Baptists as "Mrs. Sunday Church School Teacher of 1955," enjoys dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hoiland while attending the Christian Education Conference at Green Lake. Although ninety-one years of age, Mrs. Bristow flew to the conference from Lincoln, Neb., changing planes at Chicago. The orchid being worn by Mrs. Bristow was presented to her by a Milwaukee radio station for appearing on a television show. With Mrs. Bristow, Green Lake was "tops."

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Chicago - "Already two-thirds of the churches of the Chicago Baptist Association are at work on the YBA. We expect to report at the end of the year that our Baptist church schools are serving hundreds of families who are now outside the influence of Christian teaching. We expect to be able to point out great improvements in the quality of the teaching. We anticipate many additional decisions for Christ and an evidence of day by day Christian growth."

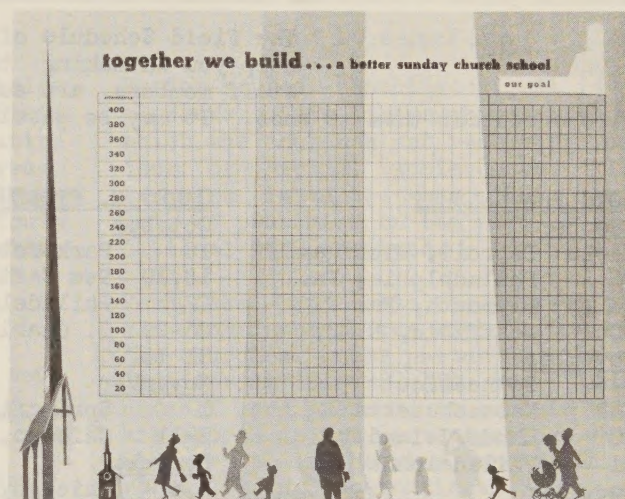
Ohio - "Around the Granville office of the Department of Christian Education, in 'dull moments,' we are wont to ask each other, 'Have you heard about the YBA?' It seems that all Ohio has not only been hearing about the YBA, but there has also been a great deal of acting on the YBA. We are indebted to the chairman of the First Church, Massillon, YBA Committee, Mrs. Harry Forgan, for a new interpretation of the letters YBA. According to Mrs. Forgan the letters really mean 'You'd Better Act!' Many enthusiastic reports are coming in of the way in which plans for fall YBA activities are shaping up in the churches."

"The total attendance at the 22 Cluster Training Conferences held in June was 1228. There were 202 churches represented, or 70% of the Ohio Baptist churches. As nearly as we can determine at the present time, 183 churches (64%) are planning full cooperation with the YBA program."

Minnesota - "On the basis of participation in the Cluster Conferences it seems that about 75% to 80% of our churches will go into the YBA. We had 86% representation at the Cluster Conferences, but in one or two instances they were there like Nathanael, to see if anything good could come out of such a highly advertised program. We have not taken them into our calculation in estimating the probable percentage of churches who will participate."



East Orange, N. J. Cluster



The Attendance Chart, "Together We Build," encourages churches to maintain throughout the year the gains they have made following the Every Family Enlistment and the Attendance Advance.

Philadelphia - "In the Philadelphia area alone approximately 1000 visitors will be making calls in over 10,500 homes to invite people to take a more active part in the Sunday morning program of the church... As we come to the second Cluster Conference, the 60 churches participating in our Philadelphia Baptist Association area are part of the more than 3450 churches enrolled from our American Baptist Convention. This means at least 24,000 Baptists in local churches of our denomination have agreed to take leadership in this endeavor."

Ohio - "As the rest of the state swings into the YBA, the following report comes from the newly-organized West Carrollton church in the Dayton Association pilot area: 'The YBA has offered a practical program for a new church. A working Board of Christian Education was brought into existence. New leadership has been discovered and developed in a comparatively short time. The Sunday church school was divided into departments and the classes were graded according to age. New classes were also formed. There has been over 100% increase in attendance. We certainly wish the other churches of our state and the entire American Baptist Convention Godspeed in their participation this coming year.'"

The Field Schedule of the National Staff is listed below in order to help you in making the maximum use of their time in your area. If staff members are coming near your area, and you need their help, please contact them at once. It may be possible to add your visit to their schedule.

LOIS BLANKENSHIP

October

14-16 Detroit, Michigan
22 Philadelphia, Pa.
23 Plymouth, Pa.
30 Westfield, N. J.

November

3-5 Connecticut
7-9 Massachusetts
10 Rhode Island
21 Philadelphia, Pa.

December

Vacation

JAMES E. FIDLER

October

15 Parkersburg, W. Va.
18,19 New Castle, Pa.
22 Philadelphia, Pa.
23-29 S. Charleston, W. Va.
31 to

November

1 Springfield, Ill.
8-11 Chicago, Illinois

December

3,4 Chicago, Illinois
17-31 Vacation

JOSEPH JOHN HANSON

October

22-25 Philadelphia, Pa.
27,28 New York

November

1-4 West Virginia
7-18 New Jersey
21 Philadelphia, Pa.

RODNEY M. BRITTEN

October

31 to

November

5 Montana
7-11 Washington
12 to

December

31 Oregon

FORREST B. FORDHAM

October

18-21 Vermont
22 Philadelphia, Pa.
27 to

November

6 Iowa
7-10 Kansas
11 St. Louis, Mo.
25-27 Ohio
29 to

December

2 St. Louis, Mo.

WILLIAM J. KEECH

October

19,20 New Castle, Pa.
29,30 Lake Lucerne, Calif.
31 Phoenix, Arizona

November

1-13 California
14 Las Vegas, Nevada
16 to

December

9 Philadelphia, Pa.
13-16 Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

KENNETH L. COBER

October

22,24 Philadelphia, Pa.
25,28 Philadelphia, Pa.

November

26 to

December

2 St. Louis, Mo.
3,4 Chicago, Illinois
10-24 Vacation

ISABELLE M. GATES

October

15-26 Philadelphia, Pa.
28-30 Minnesota

November

1-4 Colorado
6 Utah
7-9 Wyoming
10-11 Nebraska
12 New York
14-24 Philadelphia, Pa.
25-27 Maine
28 to

December

28 Philadelphia, Pa.
29-31 Chicago, Illinois

MIRIAM A. PETERSON

October

24 Wayne, Pa.

November

1-18 Pennsylvania

MARGARET L. CRAIN

October

15,16 Detroit, Michigan
28 Buffalo, N. Y.

November

1-11 New York, N. Y.

December

Vacation

FLORENCE STANSBURY

October

20-22 Toledo, Ohio

November

1-4 Ohio
5 Chicago, Illinois
6,7 Ohio
8-11 Michigan
14-16 Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
21 New York, N. Y.
23-28 Ohio

December

1-31 Vacation



A Directory of Directors

The Directors Say

You will find listed below those responsible for State and City Christian Education work within their local areas.

For your convenience they are coded as follows: SD - State Director; CD - City Director; YD - Youth Director; ChD - Children's Director; EX - Executive Secretary; AEX - Acting Executive Secretary; AD - Associate Director; AcD - Acting Director.

Elmer C. Adams	EX 917 S. W. Oak, Portland 5, Oregon
Allan Anderson	SD 19 W. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
Myrtle Auch	SD 89 N. State, Concord, New Hampshire
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Robert Ferree - Kansas. In spite of a tornado warning in my area one night, seven out of eight churches in the Association were enthusiastically represented. At the next night meeting there was a good representation in spite of a typical Western Kansas dust storm. On the next night of the Clusters there was a local hailstorm and terrific cloudburst in adjoining areas. One YBA Committee came 164 miles round trip in the storm. I thoroughly enjoyed my five Clusters. People were very enthusiastic.

Gordon Forbes - Washington. It is a pleasure to see the enthusiasm with which the churches are receiving the Year of Baptist Achievement. In very few instances was there any note of pessimism on the part of additional work involved.

Vern Lake - Minnesota. Interest in YBA continues to run high. One of the churches whose pastor has been indifferent toward YBA now finds himself hard pressed to explain why his church is not participating, for his people are hearing and reading about YBA in denominational journals and they want to be part of it.

J. Samuel Bailey - S. California. It was a great privilege to participate in the YBA training in Philadelphia, so detailed, vital, and practical. I am sure that the work of the year will be much less difficult because of this experience of training and fellowship.

Clarence Jones - Arizona. The YBA is taking hold of our churches in good fashion. Pastors are becoming more enthused about it. We are hoping to have almost 100% participation...The lay people are sold on this YBA and they are selling their churches too.

Wilfred Packer - Ohio. In general the conferences have been exciting and characterized by high enthusiasm.

G. Douglas Manson - Pittsburgh. I was quite pleased to have our Executive Secretary say that the YBA is the major program in our area for the coming year and that other efforts which may have to be made will be done in relation to it. With this kind of cooperation, we should be able to do a great deal with YBA.

Ben G. Field - Northern California. It is significant that some five churches of the Sacramento Association are cooperating in the YBA with churches of the Sacramento River Association. In fact, almost all of the churches participating in the year of experimentation last year are adopting most of the program of the YBA this year.

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